1	2	3
8	2006-07	14.20
9	2007-08	14.76
10	2008-09	14.66

Source: ESA, DAC, MOA, GOI

(d) In order to address the constraints faced by the pulses farmers and to increase production of pulses crops, three centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented in the country. The Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented since April, 2004 in major pulse growing states, National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) has been started from 2007-08 for mission mode implementation in the identified districts and Intensive Pulses Development Programme under Macro Management Mode Scheme is in operation for the states that are not covered under ISOPOM or NFSM but that wish to promote pulses crop production.

Foodstock situation

*338. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the feedstock available before the current spell of drought in the country;

(b) the outflow of foodgrains to each of the drought affected States in the country in recent months; and

(c) the current size of foodstocks left?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in Central Pool, as on 1st July, 2009 were 196.16 lakh tons of rice and 329.22 lakh tons of wheat.

Details of statewise allocation of foodgrains under TPDS to drought affected States and their offtake during July, 2009 to October, 2009 are given in the Statement *(See* below).

The stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool, as on 1st December, 2009 were 229 lakh tons of rice and 251.61 lakh tons of wheat.

Statement

Allocation of foodgrains under TPDS (AAY, BPL and APL) to drought affected states and their offtake from July, 2009 to October, 2009

(in Thousand Tons)

Sl.No.	States	Total	
		Allocation	Offtake*
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	1278.822	1262.203
2	Assam	482.037	470.776

1	2	3	4
3	Bihar	1145.827	824.987
4	Himachal Pradesh	162.107	161.346
5	Jharkhand	435.454	375.033
6	Karnataka	732.164	684.432
7	Madhya Pradesh	989.651	904.58
8	Maharashtra	1616.488	1246.055
9	Manipur	39.177	40.631
10	Nagaland	43.182	44.794
11	Orissa	705.284	733.592
12	Rajasthan	623.134	594.57
13	Uttar Pradesh	2283.139	2237.063
	TOTAL	10536.466	9580.062

*Note: 1. Offtake may include backlog of allocations in earlier months as well as advance lifting for subsequent months.

2. Firmed up details on offtake during November, 2009 are yet to be received.
Orissa has been declared drought affected State on 21.11.2009. No additional allocation of foodgrains to the State has been made so far as no request for such allocation of foodgrains has been received from the State Government.

Special trains for Idu'l Fitr and Idu'l Zuha

*339. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of special trains operated on the occasion of Idu'l Fitr and Idu'l Zuha during the current year;

(b) the details of the requests received for the purpose;

(c) the details of those requests which were accepted and acted upon and those which were not considered; and

(d) the reasons for non-consideration?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) Special trains are run on various sectors for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons and festival period including Idul'l Fitr and Idu'l Zuha keeping in view the pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. The basis of running special train is mainly past experience and anticipated rush which may be due to different reasons including the occasion of festivals. Separate data for special trains run for a specific festival is not maintained.